

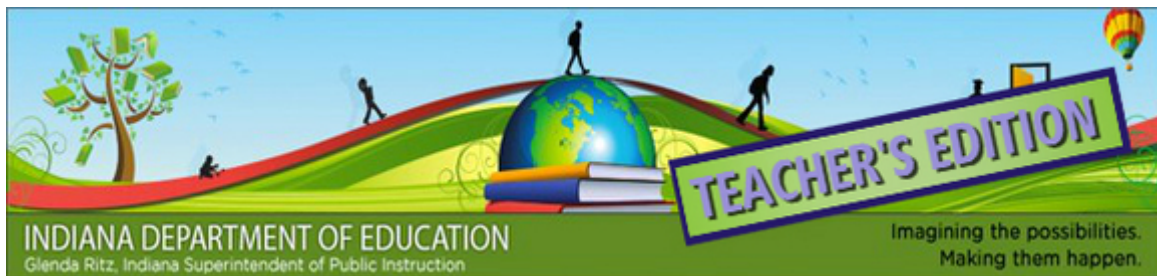
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Welcome Back to School!

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August 5, 2016



A Message from Superintendent Ritz

It may seem hard to believe, but summer break is already over for many educators. I know that many of you are getting ready to start a new and exciting school year. At the Indiana Department of Education, we are here to support the great work that you do everyday.

Whether this is your first or fortieth year in the classroom, I want to welcome you back to school. I know there is a lot of excitement and stress that comes with a new school year. Enjoy the time you spend with your students. It will go by quickly, and the difference you will make in their lives will be profound.

Sincerely,

Glenda Ritz, NBCT
Superintendent of Public Instruction

PS: At the end of this email is a coupon for a free milkshake at the Indiana State Fair. I hope you enjoy Teacher Appreciation \$2 Tuesdays! :)



Meet Jean Russell the 2016 Indiana Teacher of the Year

You can connect and see what our Indiana Teacher of the Year is doing by visiting the [Teach Indiana blog](#) or [following her on Instagram](#).

Question, comment or concern? Send us an email at teachersedition@doe.in.gov





Spotlight - Promising Practices

The Indiana Department of Education has recognized 127 schools for outstanding instruction and practices this year. Congratulations to the students, educators and administrators that [worked so hard to gain recognition as a Promising Practice!](#)

IDOE Updates

- [Teacher's Toolbox](#)
The summer issue of the Toolbox is full of resources for educators as they prepare for the next school year.
 - [Teacher Appreciation \\$2 Tuesday](#)
The Department is a cosponsor of the Indiana State Fair this year. On Tuesday August 9 and 16, entry to the Indiana State Fair will be only \$2! A coupon for a complimentary milkshake at the Dairy Barn is included below. All concessions will have a \$2 option.
 - [Free Access to myOn](#)
The Department is providing free access to thousands of online books available on myOn through the Hoosier Family of Readers program. This library will be available through December 2016.
 - [ESSA Summit](#)
Earlier this summer, the Department hosted a summit of superintendents and education stakeholders to discuss the new federal education law the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). You can review what was discussed by [viewing our ESSA page](#). The Department will be gathering input from communities through a statewide listening tour this fall.
 - [Heritage Educators Legacy Project](#)
To honor Indiana's past, present, and future teachers, the Department is proud to support the [Hoosier Heritage Educators](#) program. Over the summer, educators from across the state submitted stories of how they were inspired to become a teacher. Check out these great stories now featured on their website.
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One free Milkshake One free Milkshake One free
from the American Dairy Association
Dairy Bar
 (Located inside the Indiana State Fairgrounds)
"A Milk Shake Toast to our Teachers"
 (please provide ID)
 Valid Tuesday- August 9 or 16, 2016 only

Name: _____
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Glenda Ritz, NBCT
 Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

This Coupon Is Good for One Free Milkshake on Tuesday, August 9 or Tuesday August 16 at the Indiana State Fair

Professional Development

- [State Robotics Initiative](#)
 The TechPoint Foundation for Youth still has robotics kits available for Indiana classrooms. Educators who apply for the grant will also receive curriculum and training to start their own robotics team.
- [Indiana Teacher Appraisal and Support System Level 1 Evaluator Training](#)
 This training consists of a series of online, self-guided learning modules that support evaluators to develop a deep understanding of evaluation practices that increase teacher effectiveness. Level 1 training is offered as a free service to Indiana educators.
- [Teachers' Toolbox](#)
 IDOE-hosted professional development opportunities can be found in the Teachers' Toolbox under each content area.
- [Educational Service Centers](#)
 Our statewide Education Service Centers are a great resource for finding professional development opportunities in your area.

Hoosier Family of Readers

Are you looking for new opportunities to get your students reading?

As a bicentennial project, IDOE has arranged yearlong access to myOn's library. All of these books can be accessed for free to any student or educator. [More information can be found on the Hoosier Family of Readers Website.](#)

Earlier this year, we set a goal of students reading 200,000 books by December 2016, but we have already far surpassed that number. In fact, students have read over a million books! Because of this, we have decided to increase our goal and challenge students to read 2 million books by December.

You can learn more about the [Bicentennial Book Challenge](#) on our website. Superintendent Ritz has challenged students in classrooms across the state to read 200 books this school year. Make sure to [share your progress](#) with us!

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